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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS ON NAMIBIA FOR OAU MEMBERS

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1. GHANAIA COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLI HAD ONLY ONE DAY IN ACCRA BETWEEN HIS RETURN FROM LONDON AND HIS DEPARTURE FOR LIBREVILLE OAU CONFERENCE. RESULTING TIME SQUEEZE ON FELLI CAUSED ME TO SUGGEST THAT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER MILLS MAKE DEMARCHE TO FELLI ALONG LINES REFTELS DURING PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED MEETING WITH HIM ON ANOTHER SUBJECT AT NOON ON JUNE 21. MILLS AGREED TO DO SO, AND OUR FRENCH, GERMAN AND CANADIAN COLLEAGUES CONCURRED.

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2. MILLS FOUND FELLI MOST RECEPTIVE, AND HE WAS ABLE TO COVER ALL POINTS CONTAINED IN PARAS 1-9 REF C. MAIN PROBLEM FELLI SAW WAS THE FEAR OF SWAPO LEADERS THAT UNTIL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS WERE WITHDRAWN AND REPLACED BY AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ARREST OR HARRASSMENT FOR REAL OR IMAGINED

CRIMES IF THEY RETURN. FELLI THOUGHT A MOTION MIGHT BE PASSED AT LIBREVILLE WELCOMING THE ADVANCES SO FAR SECURED IN FIVE POWER TALKS IN CAPETOWN, BUT URGING THAT PROVISIONS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AND REPLACEMENT BY AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE BE INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT. FELLI WAS NOT REPEAT NOT CONVINCED THAT PROPOSED GUARANTEES ON IMPARTIALITY (PARA 13, REF C) WERE SUFFICIENT. HE ADDED THAT THOUGH OTHER DEMANDS MIGHT BE MADE, MOST AFRICAN LEADERS WERE HOPEFUL THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD LEAD TO PEACEFUL INDEPENDENCE, AND HE DID NOT THINK THAT WRECKING ACTION OF THE KIND WE FEARED WOULD SUCCEED AT LIBREVILLE.

3. CANADIAN, FRENCH, GERMAN COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE AGREED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFERRING TO MILLS' ORAL PRESENTATION AND ASSOCIATING OUR GOVERNMENTS WITH THAT DEMARCHE. I ALSO PLAN TO FOLLOW UP WITH OTHER MFA OFFICIALS.
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